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FACILITIES/SERVICES JOINT FINANCING

REF: MONTREAL 1874

1. COMMITTEE MEETS FORMALLY 10:00 A.M. NOVEMBER 20.
FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF JS-WP/946 CIRCULATED NOVEMBER 18.
NOTE PARAS 7 AND 8. MATTER IS NOW URGENT.

2. "REQUEST FOR REVIEW OF THE AIR NAVIGATION
SERVICES UNDER THE JOINT FINANCING AGREEMENTS WITH DENMARK
AND ICELAND (PRESENTED BY THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMITTEE).

"1. AT ITS LAST MEETING (30 SEPTEMBER 1975), THE
COMMITTEE DECIDED THAT DENMARK AND ICELAND SHOULD BE
REQUESTED TO CARRY OUT A REVIEW OF THE AIR NAVIGATION SERVICES
UNDER THE JOINT FINANCING AGREEMENTS WITH THOSE TWO COUNTRIES.

"2. THE FOLLOWING DAY, A CABLE SETTING FORTH THE
COMMITTEE'S DECISION, WAS SENT TO DENMARK AND ICELAND AND
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TELEX REPLIES WERE LATER RECIEVED FROM DENMARK AND ICELAND.

COPIES OF THE OUTBOUND CABLE AND THE TELEX REPLIES WERE SENT TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE UNDER COVER OF MEMORANDA FROM THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMITTEE DATED 1 AND 7 OCTOBER 1975. WRITTEN REPLIES FROM DENMARK AND ICELAND WERE SUBSEQUENTLY RECEIVED AND PUBLISHED IN JS-WPS/944 AND 945.

"3. THE COMMITTEE WILL WISH TO DISCUSS THESE REPLIES AND DECIDE UPON SUCH FURTHER ACTION AS IT MAY DEEM NECESSARY. IN ORDER TO ASSIST THE COMMITTEE IN ITS CONSIDERATION OF THIS MATTER, MAPS SHOWING THE NATURE AND LOCATION OF THE EXISTING FACILITIES AND SERVICES, UNDER BOTH AGREEMENTS, ARE APPENDED HERETO. IN ADDITION, MEMBERS OF THE TECHNICAL SECRETARIAT CONCERNED WILL BE PRESENT AT THE MEETING TO EXPLAIN THE NATURE ETC. OF THE PROPOSED NEW FACILITIES AND SERVICES.

"DANISH AND ICELANDIC ESTIMATES FOR 1976

"4. THE DANISH AND ICELANDIC ESTIMATES FOR 1976 HAVE BEEN RECEIVED AND ARE BEING EXAMINED BY THE SECRETARIAT AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH USUAL PRACTICE, A MEMBER OF THE SECRETARIAT IS PRESENTLY ON MISSION TO DENMARK AND ICELAND TO DISCUSS PERTINENT DETAILS IN THE ESTIMATES WITH THE OFFICIALS CONCERNED. IT IS HOPED THAT THE FULL ESTIMATES, WITH EXPLANATIONS ETC., WILL BE AVAILABLE TO THE COMMITTEE IN JS-WP FORM APPROXIMATELY 28 NOVEMBER.

"5. NEVERTHELESS, THE COMMITTEE MAY, AT THE PRESENT STAGE, BE INTERESTED IN THE FOLLOWING FIGURES (WHICH ARE SUBJECT TO MINOR ALTERNATIONS). IT WILL BE NOTED OF COURSE, THAT ANY NEW CEILING FOR 1976 WOULD PRESUMABLY BE BASED ON THE ESTIMATE IN QUESTION, PLUS A MARGIN OF 10 PERCENT FOR CONTINGENCIES.

"1976 ESTIMATES FOR DENMARK AND ICELAND

I. DENMARK: (PRESENT ARTICLE V CEILING US \$4,663,463)

1976 ESTIMATE IN RESPECT OF EXISTING SERVICES ONLY: \$4,843,508

PROPOSED NEW SERVICES:

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A) SONDRE STROMFJORD

I) AFTN	\$390,512	
II) AIR/GROUND HF	277,728	668,240
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SUBTOTAL	\$5,511,748	

#B) VOR/DME FAROE ISLANDS 220,000

1976 ESTIMATES INCLUDING NEW SERVICES \$5,731,748

II. ICELAND: (PRESENT ARTICLE V CEILING US \$3,092,442)

1976 ESTIMATES IN RESPECT OF EXISTING SERVICES ONLY: \$2,632,938

PROPOSED NEW SERVICES:

A) SALARIES ETC., OF FIVE ADDITIONAL AIR
TRAFFIC CONTROLLERS 81,491

1976 ESTIMATES INCLUDING NEW SERVICES \$2,714,429

THE FOLLOWING EXTRACT FROM A LETTER DATED 24 OCTOBER 1975, FROM
DENMARK, SUBMITTING THE 1976 ESTIMATES, READS AS FOLLOWS:

"VOR/DME FAROE ISLANDS

THE RECOMMENDATION FOR A VOR/DME FACILITIES ON THE FAROE ISLANDS
WAS PUT FORWARD IN THE SIXTIES AND HAS REMAINED IN THE NAT
PLAN EVER SINCE WITHOUT IMPLEMENTATION.

AT THE TENTH MEETING OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC SYSTEMS PLANNING GROUP
IN 1974 IT WAS AGREED THAT A VOR/DME ON THE FAROE ISLANDS SHOULD
BE RETAINED IN THE PLAN, AND THAT ITS IMPLEMENTATION SHOULD BE
ACTIVELY PURSUED BY DENMARK.

THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS AID WILL, HOWEVER, REQUIRE JOINT
FINANCING AND OUR PROVISIONAL INVESTIGATIONS INTO THE MATTER
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REVEAL THAT THE EXPENDITURE WILL BE OF THE ORDER OF
US \$220,000 PER YEAR COVERING DIRECT AND INDIRECT COSTS.

THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS FACILITY IS NOT YET FORMALLY APPROVED
BY THE GOVERNMENT, PENDING A.O. ACCEPTANCE BY ICAO OF THIS
FACILITY FOR INCLUSION IN THE JF AGREEMENT."

"POSSIBLE SAVINGS ON LORAN-A

"6. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION MAY ALSO BE OF INTEREST TO THE
COMMITTEE: A WITHDRAWAL DATE FOR LORAN-A FACILITIES FROM THE
NAT REGIONAL PLAN OF 29 DECEMBER 1977 WAS ESTABLISHED WHEN THE
COUNCIL, ON 5 MARCH 1975, APPROVED RECOMMENDATION 1/2 OF THE
SPECIAL NAT/PAC (LORAN-A) MEETING (1974). WHETHER OR NOT A

REVIEW OF THAT WITHDRAWAL DATE WILL BE REQUIRED WILL BE KNOWN IN THE FIRST HALF OF DECEMBER 1975. AS OF THE DATE OF WITHDRAWAL A SAVING OF APPROXIMATELY \$800,000 IN THE ANNUAL OPERATING COSTS OF THE FACILITIES AND SERVICES INCLUDED IN THE DANISH AND ICELANDIC JOINT FINANCING AGREEMENTS WILL BE REALIZED.

"AMENDMENT OF REGIONAL PLAN AND ACCEPTANCE OF JOINT FINANCING

"7. THE ATTENTION OF THE COMMITTEE IS ALSO INVITED TO JS-WP/945, APPENDIX B, PARA 3. CONFIRMATION IS BEING SOUGHT FROM THE ICAO REPRESENTATIVE, PARIS, THAT THE SITUATION STILL PREVAILS THAT NO STATES HAVE OBJECTED TO THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT ON TECHNICAL GROUNDS. IF SO, THE PRESIDENT IS PREPARED TO APPROVE THE PROPOSAL ON BEHALF OF THE COUNCIL IN ACCORDANCE WITH ESTABLISHED PROCEDURE, ALTHOUGH SO FAR HE HAS REFRAINED FROM DOING SO ON ACCOUNT OF THE JOINT FINANCING ASPECTS.

"8. APART FROM REQUESTING CONFIRMATION OF AMENDMENT OF THE REGIONAL PLAN, ICELAND ALSO REQUIRES APPROVAL OF JOINT FINANCING FOR THE FIVE ATC CONTROLLERS. NORMALLY, SINCE THE EXISTING CEILING WOULD NOT BE EXCEEDED BY THE INCLUSION OF THE ADDITIONAL CONTROLLERS, THIS COULD BE APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL, WITHOUT REFERENCE TO STATES. HOWEVER, SINCE THE ATC CONTROLLERS ARE PART OF A PACKAGE AMENDMENT, INVOLVING INCREASES IN THE DANISH ARTICLE V CEILING, THERE WOULD BE NO POINT IN APPROVING
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THE ADDITION OF THE FIVE CONTROLLERS UNLESS THE DANISH PART OF THE REARRANGEMENT WERE ALSO APPROVED. APPROVAL OF AN INCREASE IN THE CEILING IS A FORMAL PROCEDURE AND WOULD NOT USUALLY BE COMPLETED UNTIL LATE MARCH 1976. CONSEQUENTLY, ICELAND CANNOT BE GIVEN THE CONFIRMATION REQUESTED BY 4 DECEMBER 1975.

"ACTION REQUIRED:

A) THE COMMITTEE WILL WISH TO DETERMINE WHAT FURTHER ACTION MAY BE NECESSARY IN THE LIGHT OF THE REPLIES FROM DENMARK AND ICELAND CONCERNING THE CARRYING OUT OF A REVIEW;

B) THE COMMITTEE MAY WISH TO COMMENT ON THE ICELANDIC REQUEST FOR CONFIRMATION OF THE AMENDMENT OF THE REGIONAL PLAN AND JOINT FINANCING FOR THE FIVE ADDITIONAL ATC CONTROLLERS."

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